

**ANDERSON, IN** - Congressman Pence attended an event celebrating the re-opening of Fifth Street through Anderson University after a period of remodeling, calling it a "pathway to the future."



Anderson University marked the re-opening of Fifth Street Tuesday with a ceremony in front of Reardon Auditorium. The campus artery closed May 10 for a \$2 million reconstruction project between College Avenue and Executive Drive to make it more pedestrian-friendly.

During his remarks, Rep. Mike Pence said the street was not about traffic control, but about commitment to Anderson University students.

"It's not about concrete and street lights and flowered medians," Pence said. "It's about Anderson and the university and the staff laying a path for you. It's a foundation of faith that won't crumble."

A 1929 Ford Model A carried Edwards and Anderson Mayor Kris Ockomon during the maiden voyage down the street. It was followed by 1963 Buick Skylark and a 1969 Cadillac Eldorado Coupe.

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Speakers during the event included Dr. James Edwards, president of Anderson University; U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, 6th Congressional District of Indiana; Kris Ockomon, Mayor of the City of Anderson; Sena Landey, vice-president for Finance and Treasurer for Anderson University; and Nick Zehner, president of the AU Student Government Association.

Edwards stated the remodel of Fifth Street was a "sign of vitality for the future." Pence congratulated faculty, staff and students at AU along with the City of Anderson for their continued partnership in paving a way for the city's future.

"Students I hope you will look at Fifth Street as a statement of this university, president and faculty's love and devotion to you," said Pence. Pence added this project was not about the physical presence of the project but one more example of AU creating a "pathway for the future." Pence reminded students there was more to learn at AU than just the foundation of knowledge but also the foundation of faith.